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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, S.W. Washington, D. C. 20423

Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 265X), Norfolk Southern Railway

Company - Abandonment Exemption, Calhoun County, Alabama

Dear Mr. Williams:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) consents to the Board's issuance of a 60-day extension of the trail use negotiation period that has been requested by the City of Anniston in a letter to the Board dated August 24, 2007.

NSR requests that the consummation date deadline be extended to 60 days after the expiration date of the extended trail use negotiation period.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours very truly,

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